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Also, enclosed at documents A4-A5 are photographs of two different five point buckles. These buckles came to the attention of applicant's assignee at a date presently undetermined, but believed to be not later than the effective filing date of the present application. Applicant is willing to discuss the photographs with the examiner, should the examiner so desire.

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Respectfully submitted,


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